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SUBJECT: ISRAELI REQUEST FOR INCLUSION IN UNESCO EUROPEAN REGION

REF: STATE 233519

1. EMBASSY OFFICER ON SEPTEMBER 22 RAISED SUBJECT WITH APPROPRIATE MFA OFFICIAL (KESAVAPANY, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DIVISION) AND ASKED THAT GOS GIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO SUPPORTING AT 19TH UNESCO GC EXECUTIVE BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING PROCEDURES FOR ASSIGNMENT OF MEMBER STATES TO GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS. EMBASSY OFFICER NOTED THAT IN 1974, AT 18TH GC, SINGAPORE HAD "ABSTAINED" OR BEEN "ABSENT" AT TIME OF VOTE. GIVEN CONSEQUENCES THAT A REPITITION OF NEGATIVE OUTCOME COULD HAVE FOR THE U.S. PRESENCE IN UNESCO, FOR THE SUCCESS OF 19TH GC, AS WELL AS FOR CONTINUED VIABILITY OF ORGANIZATION ITSELF, USG HOPED GOS WOULD SUPPORT ADOPTION OF EXECUITVE BOARD PROCEDURE.

2. KESAVAPANY EXPRESSED GENERAL FAMILIARITY WITH SITUATION IN UNESCO AND NOTED EMBASSY OFFICER'S
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COMMENTS. HE SAID THAT, TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, IT WAS NOT

CERTAIN THAT GOS WOULD EVEN ATTEND UNESCO NAIROBI MEETING. (HE LATER CALLED EMBASSY TO SAY DECISION ON ATTENDANCE MAY NOT BE TAKEN UNTIL MID-OCTOBER.) HOWEVER, KESAVAPANY DID VOLUNTEER OBSERVATION THAT GOS CONSIDERED UNESCO TO BE ONE OF UN'S MORE VALUABLE SUBSIDIARY ORGANIZATIONS. ACCORDING TO KESAVAPANY, WITHIN GOS, MFA AND MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, WHICH NORMALLY REPRESENTS GOS AT UNESCO MEETINGS, HAVE SOUGHT TO OBTAIN FINANCE MINISTRY CONCURRENCE IN PROVIDING ADDITIONAL BUDGETARY SUPPORT TO ORGANIZATION.

3. WE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH MFA NEXT MONTH AND REPORT RESULTS ASAP.
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